

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

**Thinkin' Back.**  
I've been thinkin' back of late,  
'Prin!—And I'm here to state  
I'm suspicious it's a sign  
Of age, maybe, or decline  
Of my faculties—and yet  
I'm not feelin' old a bit—  
Any more than sixty-four  
Ain't no young man anymore.

Thinkin' back's a thing 'at grows  
On a feller, I suppose—  
Older 'at he gets, I Jack,  
More he keeps a-thinkin' back!  
Old as old time 'at it be,  
Er as middle-aged as me,  
Folks 'll find us, eye and mind  
Fixed on what we've left behind.

Rehabilitatin'—like  
Them old times we used to hike  
Out barefooted for the creek,  
'Long 'bout Apr'l first—to pick  
Out some 'warmest' place to go  
In a swimmin'—Oh! my—oh!  
Wonder now we hadn't died!  
Grate horse-dung on my hide,  
Joe's a-thinkin' how cold then  
That 'ere worter must a-been!

Thinkin' back—w'y goodness me!  
I kin call them names and see  
Every little tad I played  
With er foot, or was afraid  
Of, and so made him the best  
Friend I had of all the rest!  
Thinkin' back, I even hear  
Them a-callin', high and clear,  
Up the creek-banks, where they seem  
Still hid in there like a dream—  
And me still a-bemlin' on  
The green pathway they have gone!  
Still they hide, by bend or ford—  
Still they hide—But, thank the Lord  
(Thinkin' back, as I have said)  
I hear laughin' on ahead!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

### Dr. Trent at Woman's Club.

The event of interest at the Woman's Club yesterday was the talk given by Dr. Trent, of Columbia College, New York, on "Southern Writers."

Dr. Trent treated his subject in very comprehensive style. Referring to Southern authors he touched upon the fact that while comparatively few of them have attained to literary eminence, the list was a large one. In classification he made three periods, the first extending down to Revolutionary days; the second from that time to the middle of the nineteenth century; the third from about 1870, to the present time.

In the first period not more than one or two names in Dr. Trent's estimation survived the test of time. In the second, the age of Washington, Jefferson and Madison and coming after them, he cited a great many more, chiefly writers of State papers, biography history and poetry. The third period has been filled, as he thought, with names so familiar to the Southern ear that he hardly considered it necessary to recount the list.

The point especially emphasized by Dr. Trent turned upon the marked change in the expression of Southern writers, in latter years, has given them themselves, unreservedly to fiction. He paid a beautiful tribute to poetry, and the mission of the poet, as the highest and finest exponent of all that is best in literature, and closed by advising his hearers to cherish a taste for poetry and to revive an art that seemed falling into decay.

Guests of the afternoon were among others, Miss Elizabeth Price, Dr. John N. Upshur, Mrs. Lewis D. Aylett and Dr. Foushee, of Richmond College. Mrs. Stewart Woodward and Miss Kate Winston presided at the coffee and tea table.

### Seay—Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Seay have issued invitations for the wedding reception of their niece, Miss Elsie Ball Lewis, to Mr. George James Seay, Wednesday evening, April 26th, from 9 to 12 o'clock, at No. 217 West Main Street, Wheeling, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Seay will be at home after June first, at No. 201 East Franklin Street, this city. Mr. Seay is associated in business with the firm of Scott and Stringfellow. He is a member of the Deep Run Hunt and the Westmoreland Clubs, and is an extremely popular young gentleman in Richmond society. The news of his approaching wedding arouses much interest among his many friends here.

### First House of Burgesses.

The Norfolk branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities is raising a fund to erect at Jamestown a monument to the House of Burgesses that, meeting in the Jamestown Church, July 30, 1609, constituted the first American legislative body. Descendants of the burgesses that composed this body are asked to send their names to Miss L. L. Taylor, No. 159 Granby Street, Norfolk, Va.

The names of the burgesses are here-with appended:  
Sir George Yeardley, Knight, Governor and Captain-General of Virginia.  
For James City—Captain William Powell, Ensign William Spence.  
For Charles City—Samuel Sharpe, James Jordan.

For the city of Henricus—Thomas Dowee, John Potentine.  
For Kiecotan—Captain William Tucker, William Capp.  
For Martin Brandon, Captain John Martin's Plantation—Mr. Thomas Davis, Mr. Robert Stacy.

For Smyth's Hundred—Captain Thomas Graves, Mr. Walter Shelley.  
For Martin's Hundred—Mr. John Boys, Mr. John Jackson.

For Argall's Plantation—Mr. Powell, Mr. Gorgey.  
For Flower de Hundred—Ensign Poppingham, Mr. Jefferson.  
For Captain Lane's Plantation—Captain Christopher Lane, Ensign Wether, For Captain Wirt's Plantation—Captain Wirt, Lieutenant Gibbs.

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## POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Elliot Norton.

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### THE NAUTILUS.

By EDMUND GOSSE.

Edmund William Gosse was born in London in 1859. He still lives there. He is the son of Philip Henry Gosse, the naturalist. He has been assistant librarian at the British Museum, translator to the Board of Trade, lecturer in English literature at the University of Cambridge. He is best known as a critic.

The word "Nautilus," meaning "shell," is a small shell fish. Venus, the goddess of love, was said to have been made from the foam of the sea. In this poem Venus is used instead of the sea foam. There is one kind of nautilus called "Venus Slipper." Dr. Holmes' matches poem, "The Chambered Nautilus," has already been printed in this series. "Haleon-like" means like the kingfisher, which was said to lay her eggs in a nest near the sea, during calm weather; hence the meaning, "undisturbed."

### Venus, take this shell.

Offering of a bride!

Once it rose and fell

On thy moony tide;

Let its pearly bulwarks dwell

By thy side.

Rigged with gossamer,

O'er thy seas it flew;

Never a wind would stir

Cord or sail or crew;

Haleon-like, this mariner

Cleft the blue.

Blithe even so was I,

Gay, light-hearted maid;

Now my sails are dry,

My fond crew afraid;

Goddess, goddess! come, I cry,

To my aid!

Is it bliss or woe,

Nevermore to flee

O'er the full heart's flow,

Indolent and free,

As this shell strayed long ago

O'er the sea?

Venus, take this shell,

Pearly, like a tear!

Ah! I cannot tell

What I wish or fear;

Guard me through the miracle,

Dread and dear.



left the home of Mrs. Hugh Nelson Page, in Norfolk, Va., where she has been a guest for the last week, for Washington. She will reside at the Continental Congress, convening in Washington April 17th, and will have the pleasure of announcing to the congress that Continental Hall, the corner-stone of which she laid, is nearing its completion.

The Daughters in every State have contributed to the building fund for the hall, which reverts to the period of the Renaissance in architecture and bears a noticeable resemblance to the White House. It has an auditorium which will seat two thousand delegates, a large rostrum, and balconies for visitors during the sessions of Congress.

Mrs. Fairbanks was much pleased with her visit to Old Point and Norfolk.

### Goddin—Crutchfield.

The wedding of Mrs. Kate L. Crutchfield to Mr. George T. Goddin took place Wednesday morning at 8:15 o'clock in the home of Judge John J. Crutchfield, No. 312 North Morris Street. After May the first Mr. and Mrs. Goddin will be at home to their friends at No. 1925 Ivy Street.

### Monticello House Party.

Monticello, the historic home of President Jefferson, now owned by the Hon. Jefferson Levy, of New York, has been thrown open for the entertainment of a house party to celebrate to-day the birthday of Jefferson and the installation of Dr. Edward A. Alderman as president of the University.

Mrs. Carl von Mayhoff will act as her brother's hostess and among the guests will be Colonel and Mrs. Archibald Gracie, of New York; Secretary Paul Morton, the Nicaraguan minister, Mr. Charles W. Kohlhaas, and others.

### Cover—Hodgson.

Much interest has been aroused in Rich-

mond by the announcement of the wedding, on April 27th in St. Mary's Church, Charleston, S. C., of Miss Olivia Hodgson, daughter of Commander and Mrs. Albion Chase Hodgson, of the United States navy, to Mr. Thomas Cover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cover, of Winchester, Va.

The wedding ceremony will be followed by a reception in the home of the bride's parents and witnessed by a large party of the groom's relatives and friends from Winchester.

Miss Hodgson has many friends, made during summers spent in Virginia, where she is regarded as a very charming young lady. Mr. Cover was educated at Princeton College, and belongs to several leading Chicago clubs. He now has his home in Chicago as manager for the firm of Cover and Drayton.

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### Dames at University.

The Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Virginia will be represented at the installation ceremony, taking place this afternoon in the Academic building, University of Virginia, by Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne, Mrs. Russell Robinson, Mrs. Charles Washington Coleman, Miss Helen Montague, Miss Bell Perkins, Mrs. L. R. Dashiell, Mrs. Lyon G. Tyler and Mrs. Ida Ellerson.

The Richmond Education Association will have as its representative Mrs. Beverly B. Munford.

### Walton—Perkins.

Miss Daisy H. Perkins and Mr. Pembroke E. Walton were married Tuesday evening in the parlors of the Rev. W. A. Laughon, who performed the ceremony.

Only a few intimate friends were present, the celebration being a quiet one in accordance with the wishes of the contracting parties.

### Important Meeting.

An important meeting of the Co-operative Workers will be held at No. 500 East Grace Street, Friday, April 14th, at 8:15 P. M. All members are urged to be present.

### Chapter Meeting.

The monthly meeting of Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was held Wednesday afternoon in Leo Camp Hall, Mrs. Randolph presiding. After the transaction of routine business, the secretary was directed to write letters of condolence to Mrs. S. D. Drowry, General Charles Lee, Mrs. Basil D. Drowry, of Louisville; Mrs. H. B. Fitzhugh and Mrs. Thompson, Appomattox, from a chapter in South Carolina, the chapter in Berkeley, Va., and the Ohio chapter, who desire to purchase Johnson's Island, will be answered at the next chapter meeting. A splendid paper on the Confederate service of her brothers was read by Mrs. D. A. Timberlake.

### Nuptial Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Buchanan, of Norfolk, Va., have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Josephine Pearl, to Mr. Archer Willard Duke, of Richmond. The ceremony will be performed at the Central Baptist Church, Ghent, Norfolk, Tuesday afternoon, April 25th, at 3:30 o'clock.

### Lewis—Lord.

Miss Eleanor Lord, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Mr. Edwin Owen Lewis will be married in Philadelphia, on April 25th.

Mr. Lewis formerly lived in Richmond, but for the past seven years has been a resident of Philadelphia. He is connected with some of the Old Dominion's most prominent families and is an energetic and ambitious young lawyer.

### Personal Mention.

Mr. Harry Tucker is visiting friends in Alexandria.

Mrs. E. S. Leadbeater, Miss Lucy Leadbeater, Mr. C. C. Leadbeater, and Mrs. Kate U. Taylor, of Alexandria, will sail to-day from New York for Europe, where they will spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Kelly and little daughter, Kathleen, have returned to their home in Bristol after a pleasant stay in Richmond.

Mrs. E. H. Clowes is visiting Mrs. George Todd, on Olney Road, Ghent, Norfolk.

The Norfolk Kennel and Hunt Club is having a two-day hunt, which commenced yesterday morning. The hunt will close the season. The club members will all be out, and many invited guests are present. The visitors present are Mrs. E. W. Overby, Boynton, Colonel Hughes, of Chase City; Mr. J. C. Garrett, of Warwick; Court House, Madison-Brothers, of Danville; Mr. J. O. Thomas, Mr. R. Jordan and Mr. Alie Thibault, of Smithfield; Mr. George Cole of Newport News; Mr. F. F. Finch, of Newport News; Mrs. Thomas Sinclair, of Denbigh; and Mr. Hunt Brothers, of Townsville, N. C.

Miss Jennie Morton, of Lahore, Va., who is now visiting in Richmond, expects to return to her home this week, accompanied by her sister, Miss Nannie Morton and Miss Alice Coward.

Miss Lina Mayo is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. Key Howard, in Fredericksburg.

Mr. George Booker, who is studying law at Richmond College, is spending a short time with his family in Hampton.

Mrs. John Newport Greene, of Norfolk, who has been visiting Mrs. Lucy Meade, has returned to her home.

It is announced that Miss Gertrude Venable and Mr. Lewis Ingalls, a prominent young man of Radford, Va., will be married on the 15th of April. The marriage will be solemnized in the Presbyterian Church at Radford, and the couple will leave immediately following the ceremony for Boston. Miss Venable is a daughter of the late Professor M. P. Venable, and is a niece of the late Colonel George W. Miles.

Miss Bessie Clark, of Shirley, on James River, who is the guest of Miss Mattie Rose, in Richmond, will leave Friday for Philadelphia.

Mrs. Charles Riley, of New York City, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. T. S. Gibson and Mrs. J. Walter Brunet, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Taylor, of Brandon, were welcome visitors to the city for a few days last week.

Miss Maggie Hamlin, of Greensboro, N. C., is spending some days with friends in this city.

### Will Repeat Entertainment.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the Japanese entertainment given by the young ladies of West View Baptist Church will be repeated to-night at 8 o'clock. The occasion promises to be a most attractive one. Mr. Secura, a Japanese student at Union Theological Seminary, will deliver an address of welcome and sing his national airs in Japanese. The programme embraces readings by Miss Nannie Pogam, accompanied by Mr. Gary Jacobs on the piano. Also a fan drill by a young lady class. There will be other musical attractions.

### The Produce Market.

The city street commission merchants who sell produce on "the block" still complain of dull business, but to the inexperienced eye of the newspaper man it looked as if there was much doing on the block yesterday.

Receipts of early vegetables were large, and the demand was sufficiently active to keep the common market busy for a time, and telephone inquiries were numerous enough to keep one man in each establishment "busy now."

There were no changes in prices on any lines of goods, and the market closed firm and steady.

### Leaf Tobacco Market.

The sales of loose leaf tobacco yesterday were small and of little interest. The offerings, what few there were, consisted of the common grades, and there was but little doing to create animation.

The warehousemen look for somewhat larger sales to-day. The first sale will be at Sheldahl's, second at Stoneham's, third at Schock, and fourth at Greenhaw's.

### Sale Postponed.

Commissioner's sale of building lots on Hanover Street, between Eycamore and Strawberry Streets, between K. Frankland and commissioner and Wm. B. Pizzini Company, auctioneers, has been postponed until next Tuesday afternoon same hour.

### Drill and Dress Parade.

There will be a battalion drill and dress parade of the Seventeenth Regiment, Infantry, on Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. There will be music and a full attendance is expected.

### Negroes Convicted.

In the Hustings Court yesterday Jos. Harris, and Jas. Williams were convicted of assault and battery and given twelve months each in jail.

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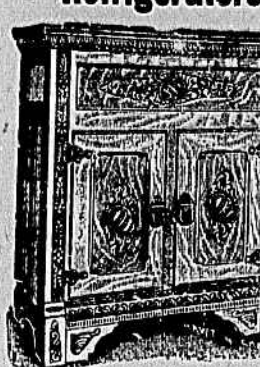
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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BALTIMORE, MD., April 12.—"Is a marriage license that is ten years old any good?" This was the somewhat startling question first across the counter in the Court of Common Pleas yesterday morning by a tall, middle-aged man, who, as he spoke, produced a worn and faded document from his pocket and passed it across to Clerk "Jim" Henry. He was assured that it was all right.

"My minister says it is no good," said the man, "and I'd like you to 'O K' it to satisfy him." It was issued to me at this office on October 31, 1885," Mr. Henry informed the visitor that he could not "O K" the paper, but that it was perfectly valid and could be used now just as well as on the date of its issuance, and the stranger thanked him.

The inquirer was John H. Shoemaker, and he stated that he recently left the navy and returned to Baltimore, where he met his sweetheart of ten years ago, and their differences were patched up.

### Gifts of the Kindergarten.

Miss Blandy will talk on "Gifts and Occupations of the Kindergarten" at the meeting of the West End Kindergarten Mothers' Club, this afternoon at four o'clock.

The president will be with the club again, and hopes to greet every member.

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## MASKED MEN SHOOT AND KILL SHERIFF

(By Associated Press.)

SEBASTOPIA, MISS., April 12.—Sheriff J. M. Poag, of Tate county, was shot and killed to-day by eight masked men, names unknown, who entered the jail and

made an ineffectual attempt to liberate James White, a white prisoner, who is to be placed on trial Monday on a charge of murder.

One of the invaders was wounded. They gained an entrance to the cell before Sheriff Poag was aware of it. The sheriff ordered them to leave, and when they refused to do so he fired, wounding one man. The others fired on the sheriff, two bullets taking effect, one passing through the left lung. The men then left, taking their wounded companion with them. Sheriff Poag died an hour later.

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